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during the last few months, many airfields, evacuated by the Soviet Air Force and subsequently turned over to the German population for cultivation, have been reactivated. Another provides the same type of information, citing the Rechlin and Anklam airfields as examples.

2. Cottbus (A57): Units previously stationed at Finsterwalde (A15), and believed to be in approximately air force regimental strength, arrived in Cottbus at the end of June. Aircraft observed included 150 twin-engine bombers, 50 ME-109's, and 20 reconnaissance planes.
3. Grossenhain (A01): Although this field is said to be in a neglected condition and possesses only one hangar, thirty twin-engine bombers resembling HE-111's were seen there in mid-June.
4. Brandenburg (Z23): This field is still occupied by an air force regiment commanded by Colonel Budenko. Up to the end of May, more than 1,000 fighter aircraft (YAK-1 or LA-3) were based in the former Arado-Werke hangars at the Brandenburg-Neuendorf field; approximately 500 of these planes were withdrawn during the first week in June and are believed to have been shifted to K8then (D95). Although the Arado-Werke has been entirely dismantled, the hangars are intact and the field is in excellent condition. There is much training activity with fighters, most of it occurring over the lake area southwest of Brandenburg.
5. Briest (Z13): In June, the billets were being used as a summer camp for Soviet dependents of artillery troops stationed in Brandenburg. The field, equipped with a beacon light system, is used only occasionally. The hangars are guarded.

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6. Nietleben (D82): In June, three of the hangars had been dismantled and their props (Pfeiler) were being blasted. No air activity was observed. The garage contained several tanks and four JS tanks were parked in front of it.
7. Halberstadt (D27): The field has been divided into garden plots, which are being cultivated.
8. Uebigau (E84): Dismantling work began at this field in early May.
9. Rudow (Z93): The airfield of the Henschel plant has been repaired and is being used by courier aircraft.

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